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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETEL, BE

SUBJECT: INTELSAT CONSIDERATION OF SHUTTLE AND ARIANE  
LAUNCH VEHICLES

REF: STATE 6031

1. WE DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE ON JANUARY 13 TO  
AMBASSADOR FERNAND FONTAINE, DIRECTOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS,  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DE BLEEKEN, MFA'S DIRECTOR  
OF SPACE AFFAIRS. FONTAINE SAID HE AND GOB'S TECHNICAL  
EXPERTS WOULD STUDY OUR POINTS AND GIVE THEIR REACTIONS--  
IF ANY--TO OUR PRESENTATION PRIOR TO INTELSAT GOVERNING  
BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY.

2. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, DE BLEEKER TOLD US BELGIUM  
HAD ACTED AS INTELSAT BOARD SPOKESMAN FOR THE BELGIUM/  
HOLLAND/LUXEMBOURG GROUP FOR THE PAST YEAR AND THAT  
BELGIUM WOULD PROBABLY BE SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP AT THE  
FEBRUARY MEETING. ALTHOUGH WE OFFERED THE POSSIBILITY OF  
A VISIT BY QUALIFIED TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IF THE BELGIANS  
WISHED FURTHER AMPLIFICATION OF OUR POSITION, WE DOUBT  
THAT THEY WILL TAKE US UP ON THE OFFER.

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3. WE RECEIVED NO INDICATION OF BELGIAN VIEWS ON THE  
MERITS OF OUR ARGUMENTS, BUT GIVEN GOB MEMBERSHIP IN ESA  
AND IMPORTANCE OF ARIANE PROJECT  
IN OVERALL ESA BUDGET, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF  
BELGIANS CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF ARIANE FOR LAST THREE  
LAUNCHES IN SERIES V. CHAMBERS

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